AMC’s hit drama *The Walking Dead* had its mid-season finale on Sunday November 27. The anticipated second season followed the critically acclaimed first season, which followed a group of characters struggling to survive in a zombie apocalypse.

Led by former police officer Rick Grimes, played by Andrew Lincoln, the group of survivors continues to encounter more of the undead known as “walkers.” The majority of this season’s setting takes place in a sort of safe-haven the group finds.

This new shelter offers a less dangerous environment for the characters, allowing an increase of emotional drama that the first season could not provide. With this increase of drama there are fewer climactic zombie battles that include the whole group.

“I like the characters a lot better this season,” said Junior Chris Daly, “You can see the back story a lot better and how the zombies have affected the world around them.”

While some students enjoy the new emphasis of emotion in the second season, others prefer the first.

“This season is more focused on the relationships between members of the group. I liked the first season better because it focused more on the main guy and there were a lot more zombie attacks,” said Junior John Behnke.

The program will return on February 12 and viewers have made their statements about what they expect the next season to bring to the table.

“I really want to see Merl come back in the next season, more survivors and for the group to take over the shelter,” said Daly.

Juniors Michael Parra and John Behnke both agreed they wanted to see more zombies next season.

“The show should just keep doing what its doing. I know they’ve had problems with the director being fired, but they really should add more zombies,” said Behnke.

The new tone of the show occurred once the director, Frank Darabont, was fired by AMC during the off season for filming “unusable” footage for a second season episode. The executive producer, Glen Mazzara, then took over the show runner.

Although Darabont and Mazzara had mapped out the second season before Darabont was fired, Mazzara deviated from their collaboration to highlight the emotional scenes of the series.

AMC has also cut a million dollars from the budget that has hampered the series, but Mazzara is determined to make ends meet and because it is a hit show AMC has provided the to keep it that way.